

# COGNITIVE SCIENCE



**FRESHIE WEEK**  
**APRIL 2025**

# WELCOME!



We are incredibly happy to welcome you to the Cognitive Science study program.

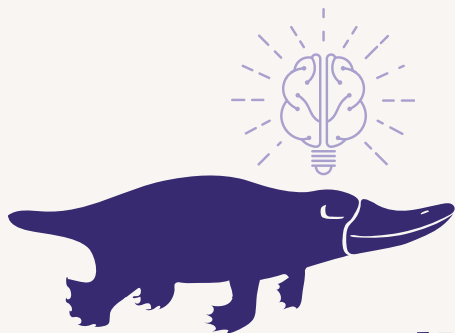
You are now part of our big and beautiful CogSci family!

This booklet will guide you through the magical journey of the next few weeks, months, and years. You find schedules and information for the Freshie week, but also some university-related hints, and secret tips for living your best life in Osnabrück.

Don't panic! We're here to guide you every step of the way.

We cannot wait to meet you all!

**This Freshie Week was made possible by the amazing humans from the Student Body, the CogSci Mentoring Team, and the IKW members.**



## we've got you!

What are you talking about?

# A Coxi Lexicon

Right from your first day onwards, you will hear words and phrases, that are very Coxi-specific. Here's a little overview!

Word	Meaning
CogSci	Cognitive Science
Coxi	a CogSci student, CogSci culture in general
IKW	<b>I</b> nstitut für <b>K</b> ognitions <b>w</b> issenschaften, engl. Institute of Cognitive Science; also referring to the IKW building at Wachsbleiche 27
UOS	<b>U</b> niversität <b>O</b> snabrück, engl. Osnabrück University
Ludo, Lohra, Lutter	what we call our "Coxi classtrip", named after the castle where it takes place
Platypus, Unicorn & Octopus	the Coxi mascots, commonly seen on stickers and presentation slides
mensen	to eat at the Mensa
Bib, Frosch, StudZ, Cafete	places to sit down and study together: Bib = Library, Frosch = SL building, Cafete = Cafeteria
SchloGa	<b>S</b> chloss <b>g</b> arten, the gardens behind the castle

# Freshie Week SoSe 25 Schedule (9th - 11th of April)

<i>Wednesday (9th of April)</i>	<i>Thursday (10th of April)</i>	<i>Friday (11th of April)</i>
10 - 12: Welcome breakfast (Schloss Garden)	11 - 13: Tutorial I (93/E07 & E33 & online)	11 - 13: Tutorial II (93/E07 & E33 & online)
13 - 16: Welcome Talks (15/134 & online)	14 - 17: Campus Rallye (meet at Mensa WB)	15 - 17: City Tour (meet at SchloGa)
	19 - 22: Quiz Night (Unikeller)	18 - 21: Game Night (15/134)

# INTRODUCING...

## Welcome Breakfast

At the Welcome Breakfast, you'll meet fellow students in a relaxed atmosphere while digging into a shared breakfast buffet. Please bring something to share and your own cutlery and plate!.



## Welcome Talk

We can't wait to see you and officially welcome you into our community as we begin this exciting adventure together! Here, you will get helpful insights to kickstart your university journey. Just bring a pen and a piece of paper or your laptop to jot down anything important.



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## Tutorials

The tutorials are the place to get all the information you need on course selection and learn how the CogSci programs and studying at UOS in general works. Your tutors will be happy to answer all your questions (and please don't hesitate to ask them - there really are no stupid questions)!

# FUN & GAMES

## Campus Rally

Get to know your new campus through an interactive, fun-filled scavenger hunt! You'll work in teams, explore key locations, and compete in challenges designed to help you familiarize yourself with the university and your peers. Bring comfortable clothes and lots of enthusiasm!



## City Tour

Join us for a fun and relaxed city tour, where we'll go for a walk through the charming old town and lively city center. Along the way, we'll explore hidden gems, check out all the cool local shops, and stop by some of the best spots to grab a bite—from cozy cafés to street food favorites.



## Game Night

Join us for a fun-filled game night where we come together to play a variety of board, card, and social games! Feel free to bring your favourite games!



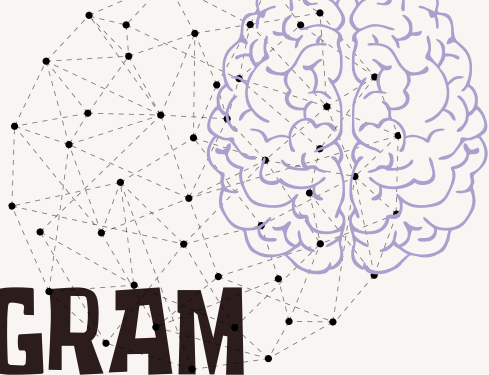
## Quiz Night

This is a fun and relaxed quiz that is all about having fun, and you don't need to be a trivia expert to participate. Most of the answers can be figured out along the way. It's the perfect opportunity to meet fellow students, test your wits, and enjoy a friendly competition. No prior knowledge needed, just bring your enthusiasm!



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# STUDY PROGRAM

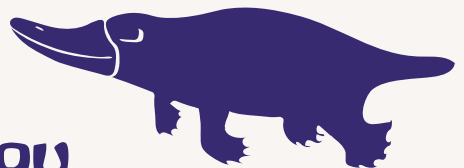


The Cognitive Science study programs in Osnabrück are highly individual. During your studies, you get the chance to choose the courses according to your interests. This results in a specification of a combination of topics matching your personal interests.

Additionally, from this winter semester onwards, new study regulations are in place. This means, what applies to other CogSci students may not apply to you.

Sometimes, choosing the right courses can be quite challenging. As a general recommendation, you best first focus on covering a basic ground and later expand into a different specialization

Your tutors will explain to you how the program works and how to find the right courses for you during the tutorials.

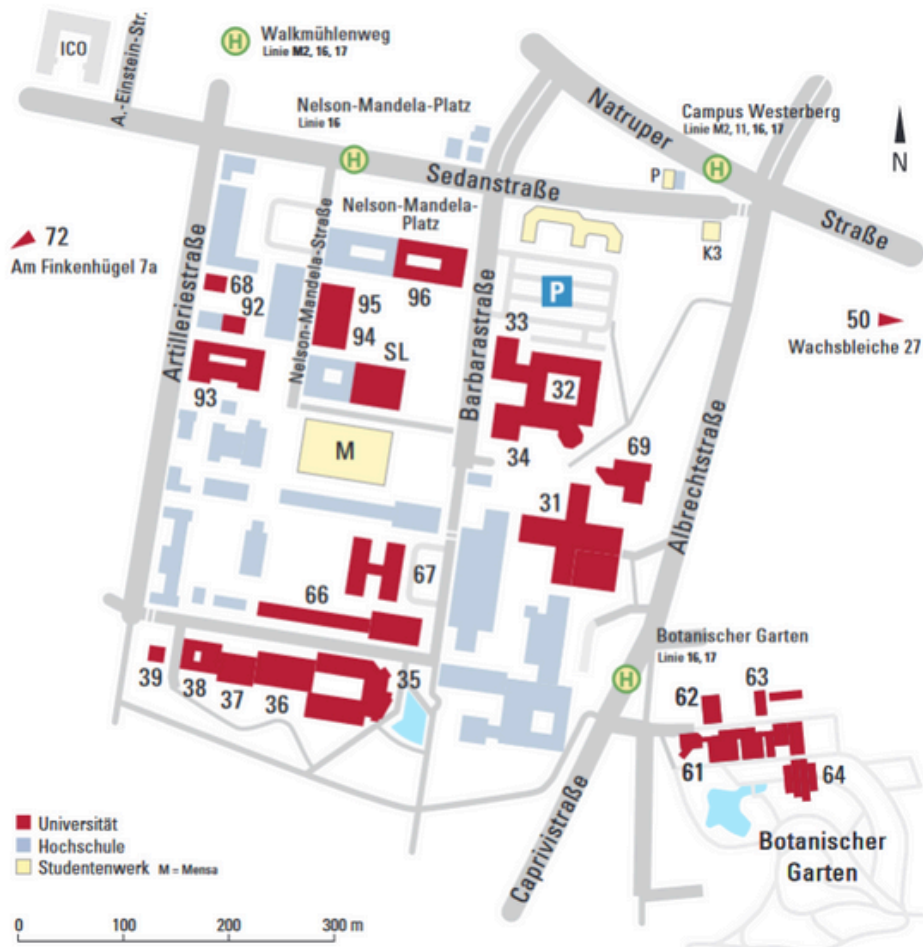


**i'm here for you**

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# CAMPUS WESTERBERG

## Campus Westerberg



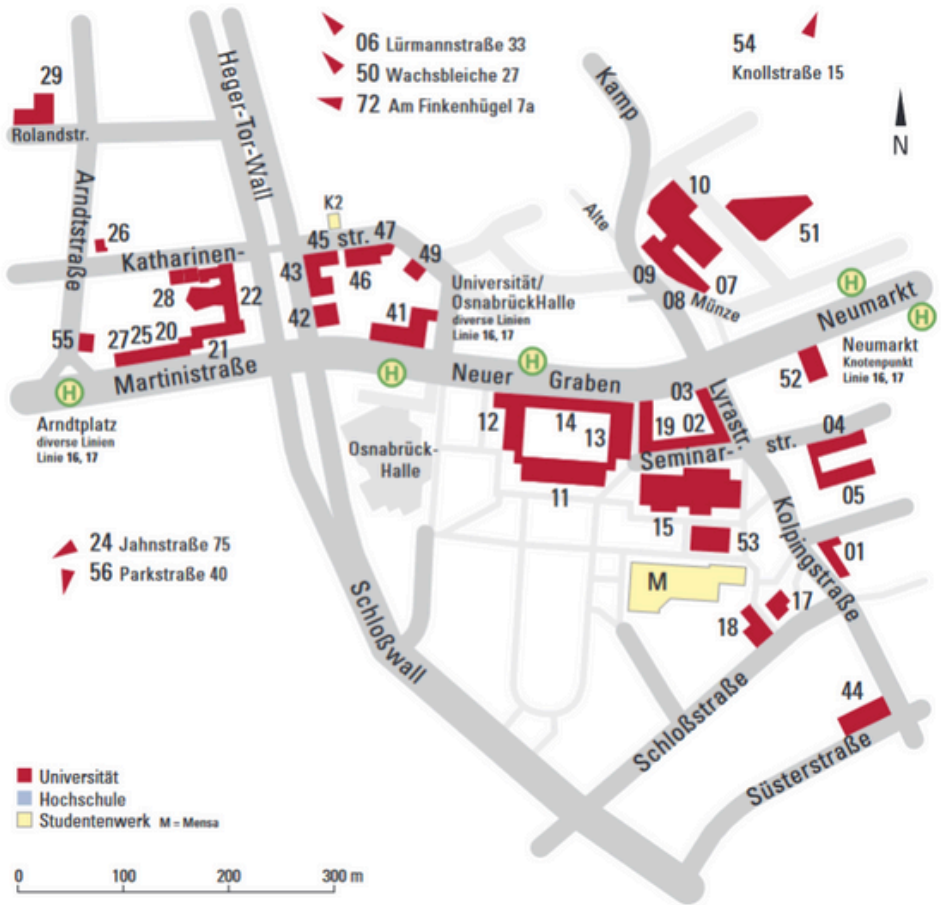
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# SCHLOSSCAMPUS

## Campus Innenstadt



# LIVING IN OSNABRÜCK

food, fun and friends



## Good (vegan) Food

Drehspieß, Alibaba, Schlecks, Peter Pane, Gustav Grün, Aró, Mensa, Extrablatt, Snackwunder, Buddha Bowl, Nola, Sausalitos, Orchideen, Le Feu, Lagerhalle, Trattoria, Ragazzi, Azzuro...

## Free Time Activities

Bouldering, Theater, Osnabrückhalle, Lagerhalle, Swimming Pools, Black Light Minigolf, OsnaBrett, Escape Rooms, Cinema Arthouse, Yoga im Park, Hochschulsport...

## Bars & Cafés



Bottled, Grüner Jäger, Trash, Henne, Countdown, Tiefenrausch, Whiskey's, Red Shamrock, Barösta, Lieblingscafe, Boni, Herr von Butterkeks, Sophies...

## Eco & Sustainable Shopping

Ökolädchen, Jonathans Laden, DRK Laden, Fairteiler Foodsharing, Shareboxes all over the city...



## Nature

Bürgerpark, Botanischer Garten, Rubbenbruchsee, Haseuferweg, Nackte Mühle, Teutoburger Wald, Niedrighaussee, Dümmer See, Alfsee, Nettetal...

## Clubs & Parties

Kleine Freiheit, Skatehall, Kanalraves, Holy Poly, Bastard Club, Gleis 3, Hyde Park...



# FRESHIE WEEKEND!

Jugendburg Ludwigstein,  
May 16th to 18th 2025

Get ready for an absolutely incredible weekend at Burg Ludo! These Coxi-weekends happen usually twice a year, at a castle in the middle of Germany (Lutter, Lohra, Ludo). Organized by an amazing team of motivated Ludo-enthusiast you are bound to have a fantastic time. Look forward to a cozy getaway filled with dancing, workshops, and lots of kind, like-minded humans. We will even have a sauna and a pool!

The cost of the trip will cover the roof over your head, the bus transfer from the closest Semesterticket-reachable station and an abundance of delicious, vegan food for you to enjoy!

All info can be found on the student body website!


<https://fs-cogsci.uos.de/summer-ludo-2025/>




# WHERE TO FIND HELP

Your first contacts  
for nearly every question

## Student Body

Every Cognitive Science student is part of the student body. However, there is a group of elected people who represent the CogSci student body. They are the ones to contact if you have trouble with lecturers, want to participate in organizing events, or have general questions.  [fs-cogsci@uos.de](mailto:fs-cogsci@uos.de)

## Mentoring Team

The mentoring team is your first contact if you have any questions or personal struggles regarding your studies. They usually know the answer or know whom to contact.  [cs-mentoring@uos.de](mailto:cs-mentoring@uos.de)

## Examination Office

At the examinations office, you will find help regarding missing grades, enrollment, questions regarding Exa, and general administrative issues. This is also where you register your thesis.

## International Office

The international office is the place to go to when you are an international student and need support of any kind. They can also help you when planning your semester abroad.

## StudiOs

The StudiOs is the place to contact if you have any questions regarding general study affairs, registration, or validation of your campus card.

## Psycho-Soziale Beratungsstelle

Psychosocial Counselling is a university offer where you can find professional help for free when you have some personal struggles.

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Last but not least..

# A Coxi Poem

Welcome freshie, come on through,  
A brand new world is awaiting you.  
The lectures will come, but first, take heart,  
We've got gentle ways to help you start.

New friends, new faces, community,  
A place to grow, to learn, to be.  
Beyond the lessons, more to see—  
A journey shaped by you and me.

Freshie Week, where bonds will grow,  
From lively days to evenings slow.  
It's where your journey takes its flight,  
With games and talks that just feel right.

No need to rush, or worry at all,  
Together we'll catch you, should you fall.  
So take it slow, enjoy the ride,  
We're all here, right by your side.

With kindness, joy, and open minds,  
Welcome to CogSci, where learning binds.

by ChatGPT, Alina and Elisa



# HAPPY STUDYING!